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Patent
Attorney's Docket No. 016499-777

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)
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Martin Theriault, et al.) Group Art Unit: 3729
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Application No.: 09/698,817) Examiner: Thiem D. Phan
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Filed: October 26, 2000) Confirmation No.: 6414
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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR)
MAINTAINING A DRY ATMOSPHERE)
IN A SURFACE MOUNT DEVICE)
PLACEMENT MACHINE)

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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for ☐ \$55.00 (2814) ☐ \$110.00 (1814) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- ☒ Also enclosed is Acknowledgment Postcard
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$370.00 (2801) ☐ \$740.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted ___, on ___, for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least ___, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.
- ☐ No additional claim fee is required.

☒ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims	30	MINUS 20 =	10	× \$18.00 (1202) =	180.00
Independent Claims	4	MINUS 3 =	1	× \$84.00 (1201) =	84.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (1203)					---
Total Amendment Fee					264.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					---
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$264.00

☒ A claim fee in the amount of \$ 264.00 is enclosed.

☐ Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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In response to the Office Action dated August 23, 2002, Applicants submit the following amendment and reply.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace Claims 1, 6, 7 and 9 as follows:

1. (Amended) A component placement machine for placing components on printed circuit boards, the machine comprising:
a dry atmosphere component storage area;

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